

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
TRANQUILLITY IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**April 15, 2020**

**PRESENT:** President Jerome F Salvador, Director William Pucheu, Director George Ayerza Jr., General Manager Danny M Wade, Assistant Manager Rodney D Wade, Counsel Lauren Layne, Engineering Consultant Joe Hopkins, & Secretary/Treasurer Liz Reeves

**ABSENT:** none

President Salvador called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2020 was approved on voice count. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and President Salvador seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**TREASURER REPORT:** The Cash Flow statement was presented for the month of March 2020 including the payments and balances on long-term debts. The cash disbursements and receivables were presented as well. Director Pucheu motioned for approval of the Treasurer report. President Salvador seconded the motion.

**WATERMASTER'S REPORTS** -Water use – irrigation and drinking water: Rodney Wade reported on the usage totals for the month of March, 2020, the well pumping totals, and the Mendota pool reporting. The well depth and PH/TDS readings were presented to the Board along with the Flow readings from the Pool.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** none

**COUNSEL REPORT:** In regards to legal matters affecting the District: Government executive order: no shut off for municipal supplies during the shelter in place order. ACWA Leg Committee: out of session right now. Grant funding has been moved from SGMA to COVID -19.

SGMA : the annual report was submitted on time. CSPA has filed a lawsuit against the entire Central Delta Mendota GSA. Litigation: James ID has filed a lawsuit against the pool pumpers and we have received a public records request.

Reimbursement & Credit Card Policy: the Board was asked to review and take action to approve the updated and revised policy. The policy has been expanded in regards to conferences, staff and directors showing written confirmation of our practices. Director Pucheu motioned for approval and Director Ayerza seconded the motion.

**ENGINEERING CONSULTANT REPORT:** Grants update: Meter Grant – a call was scheduled to go over the steps. They are waiting on an environmental review. The final step will be about 6-9 months after the review to get the contract in place.

**MANAGER REPORT:**

1. Responsible use of District Resources/ "Review": this item addressed in Counsel Report

2. USBR-WIIN Act Contract "TID": the 60 day public review period has begun. We will pay off the debt and then the validation action will need to happen. This process will take till the end of the year to complete.
3. SGMA/Workshop letters: letters went out in regards to private wells in the District. Some responses have been received.
4. JID/FID Kings River Water term sheet agreement: this was presented to the Board. This will be brought in thru Fresno ID to James ID to us. The fee will be \$12.50/af. We have signed the agreement but James ID hasn't signed it nor has FID agreed to it yet. Still waiting for a finalized agreement.
5. COVID-19 Operation: we are operating as an essential business. The doors are locked and no foot traffic allowed. We are helping the customers thru the door and Rod is keeping the guys separated as much as possible. The Board meetings can be done thru Zoom or teleconferencing. We will keep things this way for now.

#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code [Section 54956.8](#)  
**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Property: Temporary Water Transfer  
Agency Negotiator: Danny M Wade & Rodney D Wade  
Negotiating Parties: TID & SLWD  
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms  
*(no reportable action)*
2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS** Pursuant to California Government Code [Section 54956.8](#)  
Property: Water Rights  
Agency negotiator: Danny M Wade & Rodney D Wade  
Negotiating parties: Various Water Users, unspecified for the benefit of the public agency  
Under negotiation: Instruction to negotiator will concern price and terms of payment  
*(no reportable action)*
3. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**  
Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: Kings River Water Rights  
Agency negotiator: Danny M Wade & Rodney D Wade  
Negotiating parties: Lower River Units of the Kings River Water Association  
Under negotiation: Instruction to negotiator will concern price and terms of payment for rental agreement.  
*(no reportable action)*
4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
Closed session pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.  
Name of Case: NRDC v. Jewell – U.S. District Court – Eastern District of California (Case No. 1:05-cv-01207LJO-EPG)  
*(no reportable action)*

**5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Closed session pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.

Name of case: *Kings River Water Association, et al. v. James Verboon, et al* (Kings County)  
(no reportable action)

**6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: James Irrigation District v. KRWA, et al.  
(no reportable action)


**7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 case)  
(no reportable action)

The Board adjourned at 9:30 am.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am on May 20, 2020 at the TID office.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Elizabeth Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By,

  
Jerome F Salvador, Board President

